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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 28, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BETTY MCCOLLUM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House or Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Erin Conaway, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Holy and merciful God, we come before You this morning, taking time to breathe in the grace and the bountiful love You lavish upon us through so many avenues we take for granted: the lilting of a bird's song, the array of colors from every budding bloom, the unadulterated joy of a child dancing, and, in this place, the trust of a Nation, constituents across the country who find hope in the representation they have in this Chamber, and the empowerment their hope gives to our Representatives to fulfill the call You, O God, have placed upon their lives.

Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to feel Your loving presence and guidance as we courageously work to serve others.

Lord, you are the giver of dreams, and the author of real hope. In this quiet moment, we pray for a raucous peace to comfort us enough to listen and move us enough to dream, that dream that seems impossible and out of reach so that when we open our eyes and realize the dream is here, it will be to Your glory.

Help us to be agents of peace and empowerment, justice and mercy, freedom and dreams, for we pray in Your name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1612) entitled "An Act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.", and that upon the compliance of the request, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make corrections in the engrossment of the aforesaid bill.

WELCOMING REVEREND ERIN CONAWAY

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, as a parent, there is no greater pride than the pride felt watching your children grow from being infants to being responsible adults. Suzanne and I are blessed to have four grown children who have grown into wonderful, responsible adults, and, in the case of three of them, seeing them become terrific parents themselves.

While I would like to brag about all four of our children, today's event dictates that I am limited to bragging on the young man who just delivered the morning's opening prayer. That young man is our son, Erin, who is associate pastor at South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a fine arts degree and a graduate of Truitt Seminary at Baylor University with a master of divinity degree.

More importantly, he is a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He is also the husband of Carmen Brassfield Conaway and father to daughter Alexandra and son Samuel.

In addition to being a wonderful son, husband and father, Erin is also a gifted writer and pastor. Our family was recently blessed when Erin performed the memorial services for my dad, his grandfather.

Suzanne and I are always proud of your accomplishments, but today we are particularly proud of seeing you opening this session of Congress and look forward to your bright future.

We love you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

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